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In re Application of  
**Chen, et al.**

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Reverse Link Performance**

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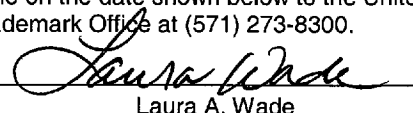
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR 1.133(b)**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Applicants requested a phone interview. The Examiner graciously granted Applicants' interview request. The phone interview was conducted on March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Examiner and Applicants' Attorney discussed Gilhousen (5,625,876), the primary reference relied on by the Office in rejecting all pending claims. Also discussed was claim 1 and the meaning of the claim term "forcing always-softer reverse link handoff conditions", which is present in all pending independent claims. No exhibits were shown nor any demonstrations conducted.

The Examiner and Applicants' Attorney agreed to a claim amendment that should place the pending claims in a better position for allowance over the Gilhousen reference. The proposed claim amendment involves replacing the language "remaining serving sectors of the

RBS" with "non-serving sectors of the RBS." The parties agreed that a response to the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Final Office Action will be filed by Applicants, including the agreed-to claim amendment. The Examiner agreed to fully consider the amendment if timely filed. Applicants also agreed to cancel dependent claims 4 and 13.

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